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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2001 in the above-captioned application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim 35:

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35. (New) A filter element comprising a plurality of filter medium layers joined together such that a fluid to be filtered flows successively through the layers in a flow direction commencing with an inflow layer and ending with a discharge layer, wherein successive layers in said flow direction exhibit an increasing degree of separation and a decreasing storage capacity for particles to be filtered out of said fluid, and wherein said inflow layer is comprised of synthetic fibers or of a predominantly cellulose-containing filter paper with a weight per unit area of 50 to 200 g/m², and said discharge layer is comprised of a predominantly cellulose-containing filter paper.